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REMARKS

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1. On 20 January 1954, the headquarters of the Potsdam Mech Div was located on Lenin Allee in Potsdam. Units subordinate to the division headquarters were stationed at Potsdam-Riche, Potsdam, Oranienburg, Gloewen, Brandenburg-Hohenstuecken, Premnitz, Kirchzoeser, and Burg. The staff of the division headquarters included eight Soviet advisers. Special purpose vehicles such as armored scout cars were supplied to the division via Poland through a distribution point in Oranienburg. The motor transport company stationed at the Garde du Corps Kaserne in Potsdam supplied all stations of the post with ammunition which was picked up at the Wolfaruh ammunition depot.
2. On 8 March 1954, numerous KVP officers of various branches of service were observed in the restricted area around Villa Ingenheim at 80-83 Lenin Allee. Numerous officers were also seen walking between the buildings Nos 70-73 Lenin Allee and 80-83 Lenin Allee. A total of 11 trucks and sedans were observed either parking in front of these installations or entering or leaving the restricted area. The restricted area on Lenin Allee (formerly Zeppelin Strasse) was about 150 meters long and presumably extended as far as the Havel River.

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Comment. All posts at which units of the Potsdam Mech Div are stationed are mentioned in paragraph 1. The supply of armored vehicles and motor vehicles through the Oranienburg distributing point is known from numerous previous reports. The present report for the first time gives details on the location of the division headquarters.

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